

## IDOC Staff Graduate from The Leadership Academy

New Castle, Indiana (November 3, 2009): The Indiana Department of Correction graduated 31 staff members in “The Leadership Academy” on October 30 at the Correctional Training Institute. This was the third class to complete the two-week program.

The Leadership Academy is designed for staff to unlock and develop their potential to become the future leaders of the Department. Participants attending the academy must be prepared to commit to becoming a better leader in the workplace and in their lives. Two classes are scheduled for 2010.

The program focuses on developing and improving self-awareness, leadership, personal accountability, initiative, positive attitude, communication, team building, and problem solving. To do so, participants are required to complete exercises between weeks one and two of the academy. The exercises are designed to challenge participants to develop their leadership skills.

Team Leaders in the academy included Eric Comeno, John Cruz, Nicole Doctor, Aaron Garner, Katie Knutson, and Dave Leonard. Academy presenters are Tom Barkley, Betty Cunningham, Kathy Goen, Liz Johnson, Mike Minthorn, Nancy Riley, and Dave Vought.



Those who graduated in the third class included: Danish Abbasi, Matt Andrick, Cheryl Ash, Jeremy Ashenfelter, Kian Bennett, Kimberly Bernacki, James Boyle, Michael Bricker, Crystal Brown, Lynette Collins, Adam Daum, Tangela Edwards, Steven Gallegos, Beverly Upchurch Gilmore, Richard Gray, Amanda Hall, Wayne Hardy, Stephanie Horst, Amber Hughes, Brenda Jackson Nalls, Christopher Kerl, Karumathil Kumaran, Kristopher Main, Janet McIver, Lana Metzger, Leah Miels, Tracey Ridge, Michael Rounds, Elizabeth Slavens, David Sonnenberg, and Kim Watkins-Bradley.

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